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LOK SABHA

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PRODUCTION OF ORGANIC COTTON
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the organic cotton is in demand and offers a good opportunity for Indian cotton fanners;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) the scheme prepared by the Union Government to encourage organic cotton production; and

(d) the per acre incentive given to farmers in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. In the year 2003-04, India exported 26 Metric Tonnes of certified Organic Cotton to Europe.

(c)&(d): The Government has taken up a new Scheme `National Project on Organic Farming` for production, promotion, certification and market development of Organic Farming including Cotton. Under the Scheme, assistance is available for the following components:

(i) Putting in place a system of certification of Organic Produce.

(ii) Capacity building through service providers.

(iii) Financial support for commercial production units for production of organic inputs like fruits & vegetable waste compost, bio-fertilizer production, and hatcheries for vermiculture.

(iv) Training, field demonstration, promotion & market development.